Revenue Minister (**Smt. K. R. Gouri**). I second it.

The Motion was put and carried.

Education Minister (**Shri. C. H. Muhmmed Koya**): I present the Report of the Select Committee on the Kerala Education (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 1969.

Mr. Speaker: The report is presented.

PRESENTATION OF PETITION

Shri Alexander Parambithara: Sir, I present a petition signed by Shri. K. M. Kumar, Vice President, Munnar Special Grade Panchayat, Munnar and Shri. K. M. Ninan President, Pallivasal Panchayat, Devicolam taluk, regarding the grievances of cardamom planters.

Mr. Speaker: The petition is referred to the Committee on Petitions.

RESOLUTION

Steps to be taken in respect of the persons punished for gross contempt of the House

Shri. U. P. Kunikullayya: Sir, we are all interested in upholding the dignity, prestige and decorum of the Assembly. From the incidents that have taken place today in the Assembly, we can see that we ourselves are not practising what we preach. There is a lot of difference between practice and precept. We ourselves should first practice what we preach before we preach others to practice. When we ourselves cannot practice what we preach, how can we expect others to practice what we preach. Now I would like to point out what has taken place on the 5th of August, 1969 in this House. The House by a unanimous resolution convicted to individuals, calling themselves to be the Jan Singh Workers who have behaved indecently and disorderly in the Public Galleries, with two months' imprisonment. There are no two opinions regarding the actions taken against them. Everybody has to condemn it. It is deplorable and reprehensible. But while we take action we should not be criticised by the public that we have gone beyond our powers or jurisdiction. As we are law-makers we should not ourselves set an example of breaking the law. I am drawing the attention of the house to the penal jurisdiction of the Assembly. The question is whether we have got powers to convict a man with imprisonment for a period which is to enure even beyond the duration of the session of the Assembly. I had occasion to go through May's Parlimentary Proceedings, A. K. Mukherjee's Parliamentary Proceedings, and also Mr. Kaul's Parliamentary Proceedings in India. May's Parliamentary Practice says: ".....but though the Commons formerly imprisoned offenders for a time certain (1) they have abandoned the practice, and they are now considered as without power to imprison for a period beyond the session." Persons committed by the Commons, if not sooner discharged by the House, are immediately released from

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